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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

WEEK IN REVIEW 2/14/2023

Another Tuesday found THE Rotary of Pensacola gathering at the Pensacola Bay Center. We were welcomed by the amazing Dr Martha Saunders and the Legend Randall Richardson. Innes Richards did their best to boost the newly emptied coffers as our ticket sale representatives. As we enjoyed the food and fellowship of our fellow Rotarians, Bruce Partington rang the bell to being the meeting at 12:06pm.

We began as we always do, reminding ourselves why we gather together and do what we do...the four way test. Frank Beall led us in the prayer and pledge and with that, our meeting began. Bruce went through the announcements including:

Registration is still happening for our "Celebration of Clubs" District-wide Conference for 2023! Friday April 28th, thru Sunday April 30th, 2023. Cost of conference: \$210, and \$105 for any Rotarian a member for 1 year or less (50%). Last date to register for the conference: April 15, 2023. We want a good representation from THE Rotary of Pensacola, so please sign up today.

Rotary Against Hunger will be next Saturday at Manna Food Pantries. We will start at 8 AM with breakfast provided. We will have two shifts with the day ending at 1pm. Lunch will be provided as well. If you did not have a chance to sign up, it's not too late. Just see Craig Hindsman.

Justin is not exotic enough for you, and he would like to be a part of Rotary International, Registration for the Melbourne International Convention is open and information can be found at www.Rotary.Org or at www.rotarymelbourne2023.org.

With that we got another incredible history lesson as to what happened on this day, including the defrocking of Thomas Cranmer, the first photograph of a president, the death of James Cook, Arizona becoming a state, the firebombing of Dresden, and the launching of YouTube...and of course Valentine's Day.

Following that was the raffle for a whopping \$27. A huge sigh of relief fell over the crowd as the winner failed to find the joker.

A rousing one clap applause accompanied our sunshine speaker, Rev. Hugh Hamilton otherwise known as the Presbyterian Richard Pryor. We had a few visiting Rotarians but no birthdays in the room. We did, however, celebrate the marriages of everyone in the room, as we stood recognize how many years we have been married by decade. It was an impressive display of faithfulness and commitment but our brothers and sisters.

Ed Wonders welcomed our speaker for the day, Dr Karen McCabe Principal of the Charter Academy of PSC. The Charter Academy is located on the bottom floor of Building 3400 on the Warrington campus. Security doors and a glass partition separate the Charter Academy from the rest of the building to ensure student safety, McCabe explained.

The Charter Academy accepts 75 high school juniors and 75 high school seniors for the first two years of operation. Beginning in fall 2024, the Charter Academy will accept sophomore students. There will be no tuition, fees, or charges for textbooks at the Charter Academy. All of this and they will receive both their high school diploma and their associates degree at the time of graduation.

The community is already rallying around the new school which came about after talks between the College's administration and Naval Air Station Pensacola leadership regarding the need for high-performing schools stressing STEM and other subjects. The Escambia County School District is the sponsor for the Charter Academy.

With that we were dismissed, well fed, rejuvenated and ready to impact Pensacola for another week.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

This week's meeting will be at Pensacola Bay Center, 201 East Gregory St. 2nd Floor

We will continue meeting at Pensacola Bay Center for our weekly meetings with the exception of the meeting on February 28th. We will meet that week at First Methodist Church. Due to remodeling at Pensacola Yacht Club, for the next 3 months, we will be meeting at The Pensacola Bay Center at 201 East Gregory Street (previously known as the Pensacola Civic Center),

Welcome New Member Kyle McChesney. Kyle is a native of Erie, Pa. He is a graduate of Mercyhurst University and served in the U.S. Army. He is an Employee Benefit Consultant with FBB Insurance. Kyle and his wife Evan have one child and live in Pace. His sponsor is Ed Wonders.

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The Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola along with the University of West Florida are looking for individuals who exhibit outstanding ethical practices. They are looking to identifying those persons who should be given community-wide recognition. That is why the Combined Rotary Clubs of Pensacola, along with the University of West Florida College of Business, established an Ethics in Business Award. This year's award is the 21st annual award and will be awarded during a luncheon meeting on April 27, 2023. Two awards will be given, one for an individual from an organization with 50 or more employees and one for an individual from an organization with 49 or fewer employees. The 2023 instructions and nomination forms can be found on our website at: www.pensacolarotaryclub.org. Copies are available at our weekly meeting or you can request a form by emailing Chris at: cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 24, 2023.

Last chance to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute Training. RLI information is available on www.dacdb. Save the date and register.

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We are now streaming our meeting using Microsoft Teams. If you already have a Microsoft account, you can join the meeting just like any other. If you don't have a Microsoft account, there aren't any special downloads or requirements to join as a guest. Click here for a quick overview of accessing Microsoft Teams as a guest. The meeting join information will be sent out in the same manner as before. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please let me know. 850-434-0684

2022-2023 Club Officers

•President	Bruce Partington
•Past President	Ed Wonders
•President Elect	Charles Beall
•Secretary	Lisa York
•Treasurer	Lori Nesmith
•Sergeant At Arms	Scott Grissett
•Communications Officer	Betty Roberts

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Clubs Available for Makeup

Five Flags	Pensacola Bay Center	Mon.	12:00 pm
Gulf Breeze	Legends at Andrews Institute	Tues.	7:00 am
Milton	The Hangar Restaurant	Tues.	12:00 pm
Seville	Seville Quarter	Tues.	4:15 pm
Cantonment	St. Luke's United Methodist Church	Wed.	12:15 pm
Perdido	The Point Church	Wed.	7:30 am
Pace	Stonebrook Village Country Club	Thur.	7:00 am
Cordova	Gulf Coast Kid's House	Thur.	7:00 am
Suburban West	Pensacola Yacht Club	Thur.	12:00 pm
Navarre	Broussard's Cajun Restaurant	Fri.	12:00 pm
Pensacola North	Hyatt Place - Pensacola Airport	Fri.	12:00 pm

District Governor

Dan Sulgar
<http://www.rotary6940.org>

Assistant District Governor

Sally Fox

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

Our Clubs Annual Pledge Drive continues. Along with our Club Foundation, Rotary International EREY and Polio Plus, a new category has been added to give. The **Hanwash Project** collaborative national initiatives to provide and sustain clean water in order to promote prosperity and better health to the people of Haiti. Pledge forms will be available at the weekly meeting every Tuesday or you can request a pledge form at cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org.

In an effort to increase the membership of our club, at the most recent board meeting it was decided to extend the offer of three free lunches for potential new members.

Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter. Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card-sized ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2-page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad, send the prepared document to cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment> . Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the week of
February 21st through February 27th

Lee Elebash – February 21 – born in Pensacola, FL in Rotary 9 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Jimmy Jones – February 21 – born in Paragould, AR, in Rotary 43 years, Paul Harris Fellow

Frank Beall – February 23- born in Dothan, AL, in Rotary 55 years, Paul Harris Fellow +1

Lori Menke – February 26 – born in Miami, FL, in Rotary 10 years

Greeters and Ticket Sales

February 21

Greeters: Betty Roberts and Henry Roberts

Ticket Sales: Edwin Roberts and Grover Robinson

February 28

Greeters: Bob Rogers and Howard Reddy

Ticket Sales: Scott Sallis and Donn Scott

Prayer/Pledge And Sunshine

February 21

Prayer/Pledge: Charles Kahn

Sunshine: Brian Wyer

February 28

Prayer/Pledge: Verdell Hawkins

Sunshine: Christina Doss

Program Schedule

February

21 - Ray Palmer - Sun Belt Basketball Tournament

28 - Craig Hindsman and Randall Richardson - Leadership Pensacola Project

What's Happening in Rotary

February

21 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at Pensacola Bay Center and Microsoft Teams

1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

28 - Noon Regular Weekly Meeting at First Methodist Church, Great Hall in the Wright Place